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2. (Internal Use Only - PLC) Called Kempton Jenkins, State Congressional Relations staff, and inquired as to whether State would try in the Senate Judiciary Committee to restore the retroactive provision in H. R. 7135, which was dropped when it passed the House. The bill raises the ceiling for damage claims against the Government to \$15,000. [Redacted]

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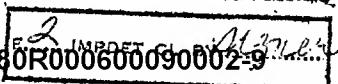
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[Redacted] If the bill were made retroactive to 1 January of this year, they would be covered. Jenkins referred me to Don Eller, a State administrative type, as Jenkins' office does not handle these matters. Mr. Eller was called, but was not in and will return the call.

3. (Internal Use Only - PLC) Called Norm Cornish, Deputy Staff Director, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, House Government Operations Committee, and discussed the problems we have with H. R. 16373, as reported out by the Subcommittee. The bill grants individuals the right of access to Government records maintained concerning them. I explained that the major problem was subjecting the Agency to the public rule-making procedures required by section 553, Title 5, U. S. C., in order for the Agency to justify its exemption from most of the provisions of the bill. Cornish suggested that we prepare a letter from the Director to the Chairmen of the Subcommittee and full Committee, explaining our position. If there is sufficient time he would present the letters to the full Committee Tuesday morning when it meets for the final mark-up.

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4. (Confidential - GLC) Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, called to say they are trying to schedule a meeting between Messrs. Kissinger, Colby, Morgan, Hebert, Nedzi, Bray and Frelinghuysen at 5:00 p.m. next Wednesday, 25 September in Representative Les Arends Capitol office (H-219). Slatinshek wanted confirmation of the Director's availability at this time. After checking with the Director, I advised Slatinshek the Director would schedule the meeting on his calendar.

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5. (Unclassified - GLC) [REDACTED] OCI, reported that while waiting to see Speaker Albert this morning he had a good talk with Representative Lester Wolff who said he had some material to pass on to us and I told [REDACTED] we would drop by Wolff's office and get it.

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6. (Unclassified - GLC) Called Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, to tell him we had no involvement in the activities described in the letter from Representative Herman Badillo's constituent and have no knowledge of any other Government agency's involvement in such activity. I said we were preparing a letter to the Chairman on the subject and read our proposed reply to Czarnecki. He said this response was excellent and agreed we should address our response to Chairman Morgan. I also spoke with Jack Maury, DOD, who will be sending a similar response to the Chairman.

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7. (Unclassified - GLC) [REDACTED] DD/Personnel, called to advise us of a call [REDACTED] Personnel, received from Dale Miller, GAO, asking if CIA funded Presidential gifts to foreign nationals. According to [REDACTED] GAO has raised this question on behalf of Senator William Proxmire in connection with work the Senator is doing for the Senate Appropriations Committee.

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8. (Confidential - GLC) Wheaton Byers, PFIAB, called to advise of a call his office had received from Representative Michael Harrington's staff requesting "exemplars of Board reports." Byers' office mentioned that these were classified reports and received a question in response as to whether Harrington's clearance was not sufficient for this purpose. I suggested to Byers that they get off the clearance question and merely state that these were reports that were prepared for the President and they cannot be released by PFIAB. I also suggested Byers alert Bill Timmons, White House Congressional Relations, and I mentioned the inquiry to the Director.

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